

**Program Union Meeting**

To be held at the Elkhart City church, Saturday and Sunday, March 25, and 26, 1899.

SATURDAY, 10 A. M.

Devotional service, Naomi Wilson.  
Sermon, Rev. A. R. Bemenderfer.  
Song, Brother Wagners.  
Paper, "Sowing and Reaping," A. Miller.  
Church reports—miscellaneous business.

1:30 P. M.

Devotional service, Rev. A. S. Menaugh.  
Paper, "Light on Life's Duties," Sister Malcolm.

Paper, "Woman, Who Art Thou?" Mrs. Cora Miller.

Song, Brother Wagners.

Paper, "The Best Way of Developing Spiritual Life in Our Young Members," Harvey J. Schrock.

Paper, "How Should We as Christians Spend the Lord's Day?" Mrs. A. Hartzoe.  
Query Box—Collection.

Communion service at 7:30.

SUNDAY, A. M.

Sunrise Praise Service at 6:30, Mrs. Lizzie Fischer,

Sunday School.

Sermon, Rev. D. Marks.

SUNDAY, P. M.

King's Children service at 6:30.

Sermon, Rev. L. A. Hazlet.

We trust that all may come prepared to take part in the general discussion of all papers read and thereby help to be helped.

L. A. HAZLET, Pres.

IDA SIMMONDS, Secretary.

**Death of John L. Zook**

John L. Zook was born at Flora, Carroll Co., Ind., on the 24th of Sept, 1836. He was married to Miss Lydia Craig on the 23rd of June, 1859. To this union were born four children, of whom three—Lizzie, Frank and William—are left to mourn his loss. After the death of his first wife, he was again married to Miss Sarah Aldrich on Nov. 30, 1867, who survives him.

The deceased has been a member of the Brethren church for nearly forty years, and in all those years has been an honor to the cause of the Master he loved. At the time of the division in the Dunkard church, he at once indorsed the cause of the "Progressives" and was one of the few who have labored long and nobly from the first in building up the Roann Brethren church. Being a deacon in the German Baptist church he held and faithfully filled that office up to the time of his death. He was always faithful and devoted to his duties in the church,—verily, verily, a member of the "Old Guard."

Our brother has been afflicted with lingering consumption for eleven years, and this finally caused his death. He took his bed on August 6, 1898, and with the exception of a few days, remained there until his death. He was a patient sufferer, never once complaining, but ever feeling that God knew best. One of the greatest lessons of his life was taught us while he lay wasting

there, day after day—the lesson of perfect trust and patience. We feel the church is stronger because he endorsed its cause,—the world is better by his having lived in it. No word that I might say will increase the esteem in which he was held as a citizen, a friend and a Christian by all who knew him. We might all voice the sentiment of a little child who said, "I can't hardly believe Mr. Zook is dead. He was always so good to me. He'd shake hands with me," yes, and with us all, for that matter.

I went to his bedside on the night of his departure and remained with him until the last. None could have viewed his death and not have felt that it is a good thing to be a Christian. The magnificence of religion was seen there as it only can be at a dying bed. He died as, "One who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

He passed from this world into the beautiful beyond at the breaking of the day, on March 2, 1899, at the age of 62 years, 5 month and 8 days. Funeral services were held March 4, in the Roann Brethren church, by the writer, assisted by the writer's father, W. J. H. Bauman. The sermon was preached from John 20:15. "Woman, why weepst thou?"

The news of his death will carry grief into many a heart in the brotherhood, as he was known by many, and none knew him but to love. By his departure the community has lost an honored citizen, the church a pillar of strength, the children a kind father and the wife a devoted husband. But we all look reverently up into the face of the Father above and say, "Thy will is best." Then, rest warrior, workman, pilgrim,—Rest!

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

**Milledgeville Notes**

The work goes on smoothly at Milledgeville. Last week we held a Bible meeting which we think did much good. There was sickness in the congregation which interfered somewhat with the attendance, but those who could attend expressed themselves as well pleased. Brother Livengood from Lanark was with us and assumed one half the responsibility in conducting the meeting.

May the Lord prosper his work everywhere.

R. R. TEETER.

**Nickerson, Kan.**

The Brethren church at Nickerson still survives, tho we have had the longest and coldest winter known since our country was settled in 1892. Since our last correspondence the Old Christian church has held a two weeks' meeting in our church. Owing to our indebtedness, to avoid financial difficulty in paying interest and reducing encumbrance on the church we have rented the church part of the time to the Seventh Day Advent and Old Christian churches. We have retained the first and third Sundays in each month in the evening for preaching

service, Tuesday nights for prayer meetings, Friday nights for K. C. and each Sunday afternoon for Sunday school. Our church is on Main street, three blocks from the Santa Fe depot and one block from the city hall and post office in the city of Nickerson. The city has a population of about 1500 and is a quiet, sober, religious and educational city. The Nickerson Normal College occupies a two story eight roomed brick building near the south end of Main street. Tho but nine months old the college has an enrollment of over 200 students. Owing to the removal of the railroad shops and round house two years ago, residence property is very cheap. Brethren desiring to place their children in good schools and good society will find it to their moral and financial advantage to locate among us and help us build up a gospel church.

JACOB W. BEER

**Carleton, Neb.**

Brother McFaden gave an illustrated lecture to a full house last night. Subject, "The Christian Pilgrim." Admission 10 and 15 cents. Proceeds for C. E. The EVANGELIST is worthy of a much greater patronage, and think no brethrenly inclined family should be without it.

J. R. LICHTY.

**Mt. Pleasant, Pa.**

The Mount Vernon congregation will hold their communion service Friday evening, March 17. All of like faith are cordially invited to be present and observe the sacred ordinances with us.

MARCUS A. WITTER.

**Twelve Mile, Ind.**

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

I verily believe if we as Christians realized the far reaching import of the above truths as Paul did, the daily life of many professors could put to silence this great cloud of witnesses. But alas, the weight and sin seem more congenial to frail humanity than many too many are forgetful of the high duty devolving upon them. As to running in this Christian work it seems a great task for some to even strike a trot, and keep at it long. At our last Sunday's service a great relief was afforded some of our young folks. On a previous occasion Brother Miller had announced that he desired to get 40, 50 or more young folks to do some work, but did not at that time disclose the nature of the work, stating that at his next visit here it would then be made known. So when Brother Miller came he was provided with a number of small boxes resembling match boxes both in size and shape, and at the close of the Sunday school he announced to the little folks that he desired to raise some money to help pay our church debt. The boxes were made to hold one dollar each. Quite a num-